

**Weather Corner**



**Highs in 70s and lows 40s**

**The forecast**  
**Tonight** — Mostly clear with a low around 41. Northwest wind between 8 and 10 mph.  
**Thursday** — Mostly sunny with a high in the low 70s. West northwest wind around 7 mph.  
**Thursday night** — Clear with a low in the low 40s. West wind between 5 and 7 mph.  
**Friday** — Sunny with a high near 76. West northwest wind at 7 mph becoming south southwest.  
**Friday night** — Clear with a low around 43.  
**Saturday** — Mostly sunny with a high around 76.  
**Saturday night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 44.  
**Sunday** — Partly cloudy with a high around 71.  
**Temperatures**  
 Tuesday's high, 50  
 Low this morning, 36  
 Records for this date, 92 in 1989, 19 in 1909  
 Precipitation past 24 hours to 8 a.m. today, 0.19  
 October's precipitation, 1.97  
 A recorded forecast updated throughout the day is available by calling (785) 899-7119. Current temperatures are available by calling 460-TEMP.

**Briefly**

**Children's Theater comes to area**

The Wichita Children's Theatre will offer a musical version of "The Three Little Kittens" at five different locations on Thursday and Friday. Four school presentations are planned with the first at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, at Winona and then at 1:30 p.m. in Brewster. The theater will then travel to the Atwood Schools on Friday for a 9:30 a.m. performance and at 1:30 p.m. (MDT) in Goodland. The theater will also provide an evening production Thursday at the Quinter High School auditorium starting at 7:30 a.m. Admission is by Western Prairie Arts Association season ticket or at the door. Adults are \$5 and children \$3.

**Mothers group to meet**

Mothers of Preschoolers will meet at 9:15 Thursday at Colby United Methodist Church. Daycare will be provided and all mothers with children under the age of 5-years-old are invited to attend. For information, call 460-9084.

**Music program date changed**

The Colby Grade School fifth grade music program will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the Colby High School audi-

torium. This is a change from the Thursday, Oct. 20 date listed in the Colby Eagle Activities calendar.

**'Trivia night' at library Thursday**

Trivia night will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Pioneer Memorial Library. Enter a team, test your knowledge and win a prize. For questions or information, call 460-4470.

**Tootsie roll drive nears**

The Colby Council of the Knights of Columbus will be handing out "specially marked" Tootsie Rolls on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, while seeking donations for those people with intellectual disabilities, said Dick Parnell, chairman for the drive. All donations are tax deductible.

**Benefit dance planned Oct. 22**

A benefit dance and auction will be held for Diane (Merrell) Homm, Saturday, Oct. 22, from 8 to midnight at the City Limits Convention Center, 2227 S. Range Ave. Featured entertainment will be "Shadow Riders," a country western band. Admission is \$8 per person with the auction taking place at intermission. Donations for Homm, who was diag-

nosed with cancer, can be left at the First National Bank. All proceeds will help her and her husband, Richard, defray medical expenses. For questions, call Sherry Barrett, 462-6095, or Carolyn Miller, 460-6896. Also miscellaneous items for the auction are needed.

**Girl Scout plans food drive**

The Colby Girl Scouts are once again planning their "Trick-Or-Treat-So-Others-Can-Eat" food drive from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 16. Youth from the Colby community join together for this event by going door-to-door collecting food for Genesis before the winter months set in, a spokesperson for the Girl Scouts said today. For those who will not be home or for convenience, items may be left in a bag on the porch for the scouts to pick up.

**Transit van for Colby residents only**

The Thomas County transit van is available to all people in Colby, said Shelly Harms, county clerk. Operating from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, Colby residents needing to use this service can call 460-2901. For questions about the transit van, either call the service number or the county clerk's office, 460-4500.

**Oakley gets ready for state cornhusking contest**

By JAN KATZ ACKERMAN  
 Colby Free Press

An army of volunteers here is gearing up for the Kansas State Cornhusking Contest which will take place Oct. 15 in Oakley.

The contest will offer the public a glimpse at a time honored tradition of cornhusking as it was done in the days before high production farm implements.

State chairman Warren Park said he expected about 65 competitors at this year's contest. Contestants from across Kansas and other surrounding states will compete using rules and styles of cornhusking dating back to the 1920s and lasting up to the time of World War II.

Teams of horses, mules and donkeys will pull wooden wagons

**Schedule of events**

Friday	Saturday
11 a.m. Entries for Open Class Corn Cook-off due to VFW Hall in downtown Oakley	8 a.m. Husking registration at Gary Keller cornfield on Highway 83 adjacent to Buffalo Bill statue; 1 p.m. Corn Ear Throwing Contest; 2:30 p.m. Children's Corn Pile Money Hunt; 7 p.m. Awards Banquet at High School cafeteria, corner of Seventh Street and Center Ave.
11:30 to 1 p.m. VIP Cook Off Contest in downtown businesses	
3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Husking reception and registration at Swart-Park Motors in downtown Oakley	

along side huskers as ears of corn are tossed into the wagons in race like fashion to beat the clock.

There will be 12 husking classes, and the top three winners of each class in the state competition on

Saturday will advance to the national competition on Sunday.

Those classes include a novice class for individuals who have husked for less than two years, girls and boys youth for those under 20-

years-old, young men and women for those age 21- to 49-years-old, senior men and women for ages 50 and over, men's golden agers for those 75 and over, men's and women's invitational for out-of-state competitors, men's and women's Kansas State Open for experienced huskers, and team competition consisting of three individuals per team.

"This is our 34th year of hosting the state cornhusking competition," Park said on Tuesday.

Dating back locally to 1972, Park said besides expecting a large number of horse teams again this year, one of his biggest tasks has been gathering together the people who will help with the events. He said it takes on average about 60 volun-

teers to make the event successful.

In addition to the husking contests, there will be an Annual Corn Cook Off, corn ear throwing contest, children's corn pile money hunt and an awards banquet.

Guidelines and information on the cooking contest are available from Margie Broeckleman, director of the Oakley Area Chamber of Commerce.

Entry fee for the competitors is \$15, which allows huskers to participate in team competitions, one regular husking class and a ticket to the banquet.

General admission for the competitions is free.

For more information contact the Oakley Area Chamber of Commerce at (785) 672-4862.

**Former Colby doctor; unidentified obstetric patient take the stand**

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Dr. Eric Jacobson, formerly with Family Center for Healthcare, Colby. Also testifying last week in Colby were patients referred to not by name, but by No. 3 and No. 11. According to the board's petition, No. 3 who at the time she was one of Hildyard's obstetric patients, was involved in a motor vehicle accident. The allegation against Hildyard is that he discharged patient No. 3 from Citizens Medical Center after she complained of "contractions, bleeding and pain over the pubic region" and gave her instructions to go by private car to the hospital in Hays. Once at Hays, No. 3 delivered her baby by cesarean section.

No. 11, as listed in the petition, testified that Hildyard "engaged in inappropriate sexual gestures to other hospital staff," and engaged in "inappropriate physical contact and touching" with some members of the staff and having made "sexually explicit" comments and innuendoes." As outlined in Count 11, Hildyard's repeated behavior was "contentious, threatening, disruptive, dangerous, disrespectful or otherwise outside of accepted professional behavior that could reasonably be expected to create an atmosphere that interferes with the quality of care provided to a patient, with the efficient functioning of the health care staff and or the institution."

Besides the allegations listed in counts three and 11, other counts claim Hildyard's care of obstetric patients resulted in two stillborn infants, one miscarriage and three cesarean section deliveries referred

to as "unnecessary" or "emergency" operations. In addition, Hildyard is alleged to have overseen delivery of a patient's baby by a local pediatrician at the local hospital after his privileges had been suspended.

Hildyard is alleged to have failed to advise a 67-year-old heart patient's family of treatment options so the man's family could "make an informed decision" about his care. Hildyard is also alleged to have "ordered discontinuation of the ventilator" for the patient who did not have a do not resuscitate directive, had a pulse and blood pressure, responded to pain and was stabilizing on the ventilator before the man died, the petition says.

The doctor is alleged to have signed blank progress notes in hospital charts of patients seen by a mid-level practitioner and failed to review the notes. He is also alleged to have used "unprofessional" and "disparaging comments" about a

patient's parent in the patient's medical record, and having used "inappropriate behavior" and "profanity in the presence of hospital staff and patients," the petition says.

Six of the 19 charges listed in the one-time amended petition cite Hildyard with having from 2000 to 2004, administered injectible corticosteroids before less potentially harmful treatment options were attempted such as oral steroids. He's also charged with "administering excessive injections of the drugs," allowing "steroid dependency" and failing to adhere to a standard of

care to a degree constituting "ordinary negligence which is believed and alleged and will be disclosed upon proper discovery procedures in the course of the proceedings," the petition says.

All 19 counts allege the doctor committed acts which are inclusive "but not limited to professional incompetence and or unprofessional conduct." The board alleges Hildyard repeatedly failed to properly evaluate patients or adhere to applicable standard of care "to a degree which constitutes ordinary negligence," and he has a "pattern

of practice or other behavior which demonstrates a manifest incapacity or incompetence to practice medicine."

The board also alleges Hildyard failed to practice medicine at the level required of other practitioners under similar conditions and circumstances. And the board alleges Hildyard, having had his privileges and medical staff membership terminated at the hospital, Hildyard has violated the Kansas Healing Arts Act by having had the disciplinary action taken against him by the hospital.

**State News**

**Man charged in fatal apartment fire that killed three**

LAWRENCE (AP) — A Lawrence man has been arrested in the fire that killed three people at a Lawrence apartment complex, police said.

Jason Allen Rose, 20, was arrested early Tuesday and booked into the Douglas County jail on three counts of first-degree murder and one count of aggravated arson, said Mark Bradford, interim chief of the Lawrence-Douglas County Fire & Medical department.

Police believe Rose lived at the complex, but they declined to release any information about a possible motive.

They also would not say how or where Rose was arrested, or if there are other suspects.

Police Lt. Kari Wempe said no other charges are pending against Rose.

He was scheduled to make his first court appearance Wednesday afternoon. Another news conference was scheduled for 2 p.m.

The three victims' remains were found Sunday in the ruins of the Boardwalk Apartments complex, said Mark Bradford.

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 Saturday, October 15  
 Meal: 6:00 p.m. until gone  
 Dance: 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.  
**Fundraiser for Sons of American Legion**

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